

Join the Historical Society Help Preserve the Light

The Troy Historical Society was organized in 1966 to promote the appreciation and awareness of the rich heritage of the citizens of Troy, to encourage preservation of records, pictures, structures, and other objects of local historical significance, and to sponsor programs to carry out these purposes.

You can become a member by mailing in the membership application on the back page of this newsletter.

Society board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except summer) at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Historical Museum. All Society members are welcome to attend.

Please check the expiration date of your current membership which is on your address label. Those membership dates that are highlighted are in need of being renewed before our next newsletter. For example, if your expiration date is September 2005, you can extend your membership to September 2006.

Enjoy the past by visiting and taking advantage of the outstanding lectures, festivals, and displays at the:

**Troy Museum &
Historic Village**
60 West Wattles Road
(248) 524-3570

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

www.ci.troy.mi.us/parks/museum

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Hand & Eye Show Success

The Hand & Eye show had another great year. Although we could not use the cafeteria due to construction we filled the gym with over 90 vendors. We had over 2,000 in attendance, and hope you'll be joining us again next year! Thank you to all our volunteers.

Heritage Campaign Update

by Ward Randol

Now we are beginning to see the expansion of the Troy Museum & Historic Village take shape, made possible by funds donated to our Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign in 2006 and 2007 by generous individuals in the Troy community.

First, our Village Green has grown by 50%, from two acres to three acres. The City negotiated the purchases of the two lots immediately west of the Museum – 100 W. Wattles and 109 Lange Avenue – for a total of over \$465,000, and the Campaign has reimbursed the City for the purchases in accordance with our Troy Historical Society's 2006 agreement with the City. Troy's Historic District Commission is being asked to include the new properties as part of the Museum's Historic District, and the City will be asked to re-zone them appropriately.

Second, the Troy Historical Society and the City have together selected an architectural firm to prepare a site plan and construction drawings for the expanded Museum and Village Green. Eleven architectural firms submitted written proposals (RFQ/RFP's) for taking on the job. After careful review and evaluation of the proposals, a five-member committee consisting of the Museum Director, the City Architect, a member of the City's Historical Commission, and the co-chairs of the Heritage Campaign interviewed three finalists. The resulting selection will be presented to Troy's City Council for approval in December.

Once approval is received the architectural firm will proceed to create its recommendation for siting the Niles-Barnard House and an historical barn on the expanded Village Green as well as reconfigured parking, landscaping, water management, and everything else that will help make the Museum a major cultural destination in Troy and our surrounding region. The public will be involved and consulted every step of the way, so watch for news about meetings and workshops with the architects starting in January!

Our Heritage Campaign Committee is counting on the continuing generosity of members of both the Troy Historical Society and the wider Troy community to help make moving the Niles-Barnard house to the Museum, the historic barn acquisition and the campaign's other Museum projects a reality. Offers to help the campaign financially or in other ways will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Loraine Campbell at the Museum for referral to a committee member.

Heritage Campaign Update II – Barnards’ Brownies

by Ward Randol

On the afternoon of October 10th the Museum hosted Harriet Barnard and many of her family and friends for a presentation to Harriet and our Heritage Campaign, in the Museum’s Pioneer Room, by Barnard Elementary School Brownie Troop 982. The Brownies had organized a fundraiser to help move Harriet’s donated home – the historic 1837 Niles-Barnard House – from Troy Corners to the Troy Museum & Historic Village. They collected enough spare change from Barnard School classmates and staff in four days to present Harriet with a check for \$325.74!

The Brownies already knew Harriet from her frequent visits to the Barnard School, they knew that she had married Norman Barnard in the Niles-Barnard House in 1941, and that with Norman, Harriet has owned the home since then. So this fundraiser was most appropriate for Troy’s Barnard School Brownie Troop 982.

After the presentation of their check to Harriet, the Brownies and their leader, Ellen Prebelich, Brownie parents, Barnards, and friends all enjoyed cider and cookies. Thank you, Brownies! You are now full-fledged members of our Heritage Campaign, and we will keep you involved in the Niles-Barnard House project to its completion.

Special Event Draws Crowds

by Loraine Campbell

The Museum’s Fall Farm Festival was a “moo-ving” experience this year as staff, volunteers and visitors celebrated all things dairy on Saturday, September 29. Over 640 visitors tasted freshly churned butter, lapped up homemade ice cream and sampled ricotta cheese made on site. While the samples were tasty, children and adults also enjoyed petting farm animals and watched goats being milked. They heard great music by Glen Morningstar and the Ruff Water String Band, and some folks even joined hands and promenaded in old-fashioned contra dance style. Kids young and old also gathered round the small hit-and -miss engine to experience the working ends of a milking machine. Finally, the real history buffs appreciated a terrific display of Sunnycrest Dairy Farm memorabilia loaned from Brian Wattles.

One short month later, the museum was decked out for our annual Trick or Treating on the Green. This year’s theme, the Monster Mash was great fun. Frankenstein, Count Dracula, a furry werewolf and both Elmo and the Cookie Monster were among the many family-friendly monsters who handed out treats to 590 community members who attended the event on a cold, drizzly day.

The museum staff wants to thank all the THS members and museum volunteers for their help at these events. We couldn’t do it without you and enjoy so much the laughter and energy you bring to our events!

Heritage Campaign Donors

Thank you to all of these individuals and families who made contributions to the Troy Heritage Campaign to date in 2007. Please consider adding your name to our list of donors with an end-of year contribution. Mail your Check made payable to The Troy Historical Society- Heritage Campaign c/o 60 W. Wattles Road, Troy MI 48098 or call 248-433-7233 to discuss your pledge or gift.

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Motoring Memories-The Passing Lane

While Motoring Memories 2 is now in our rear view mirror, the Car Show Committee is already gearing up for next year’s event. We learned some valuable lessons this year:

- Our exhibitors enjoyed the improved layout and additional space around their vehicles, but they want more cars!
- Hotdog lunches are a hit
- We need a good and dependable ice cream vendor
- People don’t go to car shows when the sky is dark and threatening rain.

While 400 people visited the museum for Motoring Memories 2007, the planning committee wants to double their outreach in the new year to increase attendance. We hope to spotlight the 100th anniversary of General Motors in 2008 with a special exhibit of classic GM vehicles, visits by Will Durant, Louie Chevrolet, Charles Kettering, and other automotive leaders, and family-friendly hands on exhibits. The date is set for July 12, 2008. The committee has lots of exciting ideas. There are plenty of creative and interesting jobs waiting for you. . . . so join us. Call Anne Nagrant at 248-524-3571 today.

The Museum Welcomes Ginny Czerwinski

Loraine Campbell would like to introduce the newest member of the Troy Museum staff, Virginia Czerwinski. Ginny is a retired teacher from Avondale with tremendous elementary classroom experience. She also worked for two years as an historic interpreter at Greenfield Village. Most important, Ginny brings a warm and engaging personality, a fun-loving spirit and a deep love of history to the Museum. Next time you stop by, please say hello and introduce yourself!

Troy Historical Society

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ Birthday (D/M): _____

Enclose payment for membership in the following categories:

☐ \$10 Single membership

☐ \$25 Family (children under 21)

☐ \$25 Couple

☐ \$ 50 Non-profit Institution

☐ \$200 Individual Life

☐ \$100 Business

Memorial contributions and bequests are welcome.

Your interests or personal collections/Your history in Troy: _____

Help preserve Troy’s history. Send this form and your payment to:
Troy Historical Society, P.O. Box 6, Troy, MI 48099


We care about our members and would like to keep updated on any cares or concerns. Please feel free to call Gerry Young at 586-802-1225.

How do you like our new look? Any questions or comments please send to:

The Village Press
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P.O. Box 6
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We welcome any members’ articles for the newsletter, subject to content and space limits.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Hanging of the Greens 1-4pm 1
2	3	4	Cheddar's Story Hour 10:30-11:15am 5	6	7	Holiday Gingerbread House 10am-filled 1pm-filled 8
9	10	Troy Historical Society Meeting @ 7:30pm 11	12	13	14	Holiday Gingerbread House 10am 15
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January

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			Cheddar's Story Hour 10:30-11:15am 1			
		Troy Historical Society Meeting @ 7:30pm 8				
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13	14	15	Evening Lecture: Michigan Relics with Richard Stamps 7:30pm 16	17	18	Tour and Candle Making 1-3pm 19
 20	21	22	23	24	Bus Trip to DIA and Whitney 11am-5:15pm 25	26
27	28	29	30	History of Tea 2pm 31		

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Cheddar's Story Hour 10:30-11:15am	
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Troy Country Fiddlers Concert 2-3:30pm		Troy Historical Society Meeting @ 7:30pm				Tour and Candle Making 1-3pm
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17	18	19	Evening Lecture William G. Milliken with Dave Dempsey	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	Tea and Crochet 2pm	29	

March

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